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ASH GROVE CEMENT WEST, INC.

3801 EAST MARGINAL WAY, SOUTH
SEATTLE, WA 98134
PLANT OFFICE (206) 623-5596

December 29, 1986

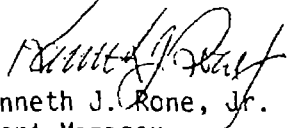
Dan Cargill
District Inspector
Department of Ecology
4350 150th Avenue N.E.
Redmond, Washington 98052-5301

Dear Mr. Cargill:

As you requested during our telephone conversation of December 17th, and pursuant to our continued testing of sediments excavated from our permitted containment pond, the pH of the sediments is 11.0 when mixed 1:1 with distilled water.

We request that this material be determined suitable for unconfined disposal by the State of Washington, Department of Ecology.

Sincerely yours,


Kenneth J. Rone, Jr.
Plant Manager

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